And if any person shall prsume to Contract Marryage without U. H. such Publicacon be made and Certifficatt had as aforesaid or Journal 1659-69 without particular lycence from the Leiuetennt Generall or cheife Governor of this Province doe privately within the lymitts of this Province Contract marryage Every person soe contracted or marryed shall be lyable to a fine of one thousand pounds of tobacco And every such Pastor Magistrate or Minister joyning in marryage any persons without such publicacon or any wayes infringing this Acte shall be lyable to a fine of five thousand pounds of tobacco the one halfe of the fine to the Lord Proprietary the other halfe to the Informer to be recovered by accon of debt or Informacon wherein noe wages of lawe Essoyne or protection to be allowed or Admitted. And be it further Enacted that all Contracts or promises of marryage not made before some Minister Pastor or Magistrate with two sufficient wittnesses shall be and are hereby declared Null and vovd This Act to Endure for three yeares or to the end of the next Generall Assembly

The Lower howse haue Assented Assented W^m Bretton Clk. John Gittings Clre.

An Interpretacon or Explanacon of that Acte lymiting Servants tymes made the last Assembly Anno

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Whereas at an Assembly held at Saint Marys the 17th of Aprill 1661 There is a Clavse in the Acte lymiting Servants tymes (vizt) That every Master Mrs or Dame Assigne or Trustee of what kind soeuer owneing or keepeing any such Servant as aforesaid whether by vertue of transportacon Purchase or otherwise shall within three moneths next after the receiveing such Servant into their Custody within this Province bring the said Servant into their respective County Court where they doe inhabite And every of the said Courts are hereby authorized to Judge & determine the age of such Servants soe brought and cause the same to be entred vpon Record. And every one as aforesaid neglecting or refuseing to bring such Servant or Servants before the Court as aforesaid shall loose one whole yeares tyme of service of the direccons aforesaid which said Clause was not intended to the benefitt of such Servants as were twenty two yeares ould or vpwards and brought into this Province. Be it therefore enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the advice and Consent of the Vpper and Lower howse of this prsent Generall Assembly that noe Master Mistres Dame Assigne or Trustee whatsoeuer shall suffer any damage for not